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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO DENTAL HEALTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that inadequate dental  
2 care is a serious matter and has been identified as a major  
3 health concern for low-income adults and children, individuals  
4 with developmental disabilities, and the uninsured. These  
5 individuals continually face great challenges in obtaining  
6 dental care services in an appropriate and timely manner, and  
7 the legislature finds this situation to be unacceptable.

8           The legislature further finds that federally qualified  
9 health centers are the most appropriate and efficient entities  
10 in which to establish community-based dental clinics that will  
11 provide a continuum of dental care based on best practices for  
12 QUEST and medicaid fee-for-service eligible adults and children,  
13 individuals with developmental disabilities, and the uninsured.

14           The purpose of this Act is to improve the State's ability  
15 to address this dental health crisis by appropriating funds to  
16 the department of health for the establishment or expansion of



1 community-based dental health clinics operated by federally  
2 qualified health centers to serve this population.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
5 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 to  
6 establish or expand community-based dental health clinics  
7 operated by federally qualified health centers to provide a  
8 continuum of dental care to QUEST and medicaid fee-for-service  
9 eligible adults and children, individuals with developmental  
10 disabilities, and the uninsured.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 health for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Dental Health

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to the department of health for the establishment or expansion of community-based dental health clinics that are operated by federally qualified health centers to provide a continuum of dental care to medicaid and QUEST-eligible adults and children, the developmentally disabled, and the uninsured.

